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(C/NF) Action Requested: In preparation for delivering STATE 97592 demarche, Embassy Canberra requests Department response to questions in Ref. B on how the multidonor fund will be managed, as well as how it will be coordinated with the Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan (CSTCA). The GOA had requested answers to these specific questions before it could decide on its participation in such a fund.

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